#### **Butler**

[45] Date of Patent:

Apr. 25, 1989

| [54] | CUSHIONING DEVICE FOR REMOTE      |
|------|-----------------------------------|
|      | CONTROL TELEVISION EQUIPMENT, AND |
|      | ASSEMBLY THEREOF                  |

[76] Inventor: Les I. Butler, 13028 Valleyheart Dr.,#205, Studio City, Calif. 91604

[21] Appl. No.: 150,851

[22] Filed: Feb. 1, 1988

# [56] References Cited

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

| 3,346,221 | 10/1967 | Farmer 206/523 X        |
|-----------|---------|-------------------------|
| 4,009,781 | 3/1977  | Asnew et al 206/523 X   |
| 4,201,293 | 5/1980  | Rigazio et al 206/45.19 |
| 4,234,092 | 11/1980 | Axel 206/523            |
| 4,261,467 | 4/1981  | Shariff et al 206/523   |
| 4,314,309 | 2/1982  | Read 361/331            |
| 4,386,702 | 6/1983  | Schultz et al 206/523   |
| 4,494,754 | 1/1985  | Wagner, Jr 273/148 B    |
| 4,524,868 | 6/1985  | Buckley et al 206/523 X |
| 4,530,504 | 7/1985  | Long, Jr 273/148 B      |
| 4,573,682 | 3/1986  | Mayon 248/176 X         |
| 4,602,715 | 7/1986  | Sarver et al 206/523    |
| 4,610,355 | 9/1986  | Maurer 206/523 X        |
| 4,621,022 | 11/1986 | Kohaut et al 428/397    |
| 4,709,817 | 12/1987 | Keady et al 206/523     |
| 4,739,897 | 4/1988  | Butler 206/523 X        |
|           |         |                         |

#### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Supergaming (Video Gaming Illustrated, by Jim Clark, p. 20.

Primary Examiner—Ramon O. Ramirez Attorney, Agent, or Firm—John J. Posta, Jr.

### [57] ABSTRACT

The cushioning device is used on remote control television equipment and includes a stretchable resilient elastomeric block of natural or synthetic rubber or plastic. The block has closed sides and bottom and a top with an open cavity therein which in one instance is a slit adapted to receive and releasably grip one or more remote control television panels inserted therein at or below the top of the block. When so inserted, the combination of the cushioning device and panel(s) forms the improved assembly. The block also has an opening in one side to allow passage of wires and/or radio signals from the remote control panel(s) in the block to the television equipment. The control panel(s) can be one or more remote channel selectors, volume and on-off selectors and video tape television controls. A pocket is also provided in another side of the block in one embodiment to releasably receive a television channel program guide. The block may also have removable top dust lid and cushioned feet. The device is simple, durable, inexpensive and effective in cushioning and protecting remote control panels against damage, providing the panels with convenient storage and immediate access, and accommodating panels of various sizes and shapes.

## 8 Claims, 2 Drawing Sheets

